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**Memorandum**

*March 26, 2009  
Agenda Item 7.3*

**Date:** March 16, 2009  
**To:** CMA Board  
**From:** Plans and Programs Committee  
**Subject:** **East Bay SMART Corridors Program - Operations and Management (O&M) Funding Plan and Activities**

**Action Requested**

It is recommended that the CMA Board approve the programming of \$250,000 in CMA TIP funds to the East Bay SMART Corridors Program Operations and Management (O&M) to address the shortfall in the current fiscal year funding plan. Staff is evaluating reprogramming and exchange options and will provide an update to the Board at the meeting. (See related Agenda Item 8.1).

**Discussion**

The East Bay SMART Corridors program is a cooperative effort by the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (CMA) and 27 other partner agencies to operate and manage a multi-modal advanced transportation management system along five Corridors. They are: 1) I-80 and I-880 Corridors, 2) the Grand MacArthur Corridor, 3) the I-580 Corridor, 4) the International Blvd/Telegraph Avenue SMART Corridor, and 5) the Tri-Valley SMART Corridor.

Current Funding Shortfall

A SMART Corridors O&M Funding Plan was approved by the Board at its May 14, 2007 meeting. That Plan called for a total of \$1,493,000 of funding for the two year period FY 2007/08 and FY 2008/09.

Based on the recent FHWA audit of the SMART Corridors Program, it appears only a portion of the available CMAQ funds identified in the O&M Funding Plan can be used on the initial segments of the San Pablo Corridor. The audit indicated that there is a three year restriction on the use of CMAQ funding for operations and management. Therefore, in order to completely fund the O&M costs in the current Plan, approximately \$250,000 of alternative funding must be found. Staff proposes to utilize CMA TIP funds in the short term to address the funding shortfall. The CMA TIP funds will be replenished through a future exchange of federal funds.

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